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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Eureka – Authorities Arrest Three Men in \$3 Million Kidnap and Robbery Plot

(U) Three Illinois residents have been implicated by the FBI in an alleged plot to commit a series of robberies in the Humboldt area, one alleged co-conspirator reportedly saying he was willing to kidnap a victim and make him suffer until he gave up the location of a \$3 million stash. Three men, Emanoel Borisov, Paul Brooks, and Evgeni Kopankov, were charged in the plot, all facing one count of interference with commerce by threats of violence. If convicted they face a maximum of 20-years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

SOURCE: 13 April 2019, [Mercury News](#)

(U) Sacramento – Probation Officers Arrest Two, Seize Pounds of Drugs, and More than \$7,000 Cash

(U) Sacramento County Probation Department officials made two arrests while out serving probation search warrants, leading to the seizure of several pounds of drugs, firearms and cash. Jorge Nunez was taken into custody in south Sacramento after probation officers conducted a search and found 10-pounds of crystal methamphetamine. Nunez was on post-release community supervision and was booked into the Sacramento County jail on suspicion of drug possession, in violation of his release conditions. Mario Esparza was arrested in Freeport Manor, where officers found drugs, paraphernalia, cash and a handgun. The seizure yielded two-pounds of methamphetamine, one-pound of heroin, a quarter-pound of cocaine, more than \$7,000 and a .45-caliber pistol. Esparza was booked into the Sacramento County jail on suspicion of selling and possessing drugs and felony firearm possession.

SOURCE: 11 April 2019, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) Sunnyvale – Firm Sold Chinese-Made Equipment to US Government

(U) A Sunnyvale-based network security company has agreed to pay more than a half million dollars to settle allegations it sold Chinese-made equipment to the US government in violation of the False Claims Act. According to a settlement agreement made public Friday, Fortinet Inc. acknowledged that between 2009 and 2016 one of its employees directed the relabeling of products to make them appear as though they were in compliance with the Trade Agreements Act. The act prohibits government contractors from purchasing products that are not entirely from or “substantially transformed” in the United States or other designated countries.

SOURCE: 15 April 2019, [Mercury News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – CBP Officers Seize \$597,000 Worth of Marijuana

(U) Tucson – Customs and Border Protection prevented a Mexican national and a Douglas man from separate smuggling attempts involving a total of nearly 1,200 pounds of marijuana into the US. Officers searched a Ford compact car attempting to enter the US through the Port of Douglas and found more than 30 packages of marijuana within the cars’ bumpers. The drugs, weighing more than 37-pounds, are estimated to be worth nearly \$19,000. That afternoon, officers at the Port’s Douglas, Arizona Commercial Facility searched a trailer loaded with ceramic tile. Officers examined the contents which

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determined to include 90 bundles of marijuana. The drugs weighed almost 1,155 pounds, with an estimated value of more than \$577,600. The subjects were both arrested and charged for narcotics smuggling.

SOURCE: 12 April 2019, [US CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Massachusetts – US FAA Probes Drone Sighting over Baseball Game**

(U) Boston – The US Federal Aviation Administration reported it was investigating reports that a drone flew over Boston's Fenway Park during a baseball game, and the drone's manufacturer said the user apparently overrode a system designed to prevent flights over prohibited areas such as sporting events. The Boston Red Sox said that a drone flew over the playing field during the late innings of Thursday's evening game against the Toronto Blue Jays. FAA regulations prohibit flying drones around stadiums during major sporting events.

SOURCE: 12 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nevada – Las Vegas Man Threatened Elementary School Shooting

(U) Las Vegas – A 26-year-old Las Vegas man is facing a terrorism charge after authorities accused him of boasting about shooting elementary school children. The comments came to light while Michael Mickowski was logged onto the multi-player online video game and started chatting in the messaging platform. Authorities traced the IP address to Mickowski, who was living with his mother. She was not home when police arrived at the home. Mickowski opened the door and confirmed his online screen name, according to the report, and told detectives that he has made "bombastic statements."

SOURCE: 12 April 2019, [Review-Journal](#)

(U) Texas – Authorities Arrest Spokesman of Hacker Group Anonymous

(U) Dallas – A self-professed spokesman for the computer hacker group Anonymous was arrested by authorities in Dallas. Barrett Brown, 31, was arrested and turned over to the FBI. Brown has been under the eye of law enforcement for some time and was interviewed by the FBI in March when authorities revealed that Hector Xavier Monsegur was the person behind Sabu, the colorful leader of Lulz Security, an offshoot of Anonymous. Anonymous and other loosely affiliated hacking groups have taken credit for carrying out attacks against the CIA, Britain's Serious Organized Crime Agency, Japan's Sony Corp, Mexican government websites and the national police in Ireland. Other victims included Rupert Murdoch's UK newspaper arm News International, Fox Broadcasting and Sony Pictures Entertainment.

SOURCE: 12 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Virginia – Hacker Group Posted Hundreds of Law Officer Records

(U) Quantico – Authorities were investigating Saturday the online posting by a hacker group of the personal information of hundreds of federal agents and police officers apparently stolen from websites affiliated with alumni of the FBI's National Academy. The Associated Press counted at least 1,400 unique records of employees of the FBI, Secret Service, Capitol Police, U.S. Park Police and other federal agencies as well as police and sheriffs' deputies in North Carolina and Florida. The records included home addresses and phone numbers, emails and employers' names. The FBI National Academy Associates said in a statement that the information, posted late Thursday, appears to come from the websites of three local chapters of the nonprofit, which claims nearly 17,000 members nationwide and in 174 countries. It said it was working with federal authorities to investigate.

SOURCE: 13 April 2019, [Associated Press](#)

UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Iraq – Iraqi Forces Kill ISIS Commander**

(U) Baquba – Security forces killed a commander and four fighters for the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) in the Hamrin Mountains area of northeast Iraq on Sunday, the military said. Iraqi and US-led coalition warplanes have been carrying out air strikes in the area, targeting militant hideouts, for three days. The elite Counterterrorism Service and the military's operations command for Diyala province did not name the commander but they said in a statement he was in charge of ISIS forces in Hamrin.

SOURCE: 14 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Pakistan – ISIS Claims Market Suicide Bombing

(U) Quetta – ISIS claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing that killed at least 18 people in a Pakistan market, the group's Amaq news agency said on Saturday. The attack ripped through an outdoor Pakistani market on Friday killing at least 18 people, half of them ethnic Hazaras, in an attack apparently aimed at minority Shi'ite Muslims.

SOURCE: 13 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Siberia – Two ISIS Supporters Killed in Shootout

(U) Tyumen – Russia's anti-terrorism agency says two supporters of ISIS was killed in a shootout with security forces in the Siberian city of Tyumen. In a statement reported by Russian news agencies, the National Anti-terrorism Committee said on Friday officers of the Federal Security Service (FSB) received information about two armed people in a private residence who were planning a terrorist attack. The suspects refused orders to surrender, began shooting at the officers and were killed in the return fire, the committee said.

SOURCE: 12 April 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Somalia – Airstrike Kills ISIS Deputy Leader in Somalia

(U) Hiriro – The deputy leader of ISIS in Somalia has been killed in an airstrike, according to a Somali regional minister. The security Minister of the Puntland region reported the airstrike that killed Abdihakim Mohamed Ibrahim, known as Dhoqob, took place Sunday between the villages of Hol Anod and Hiriro. The strike hit the vehicle Dhoqob and another passenger were travelling in. Both men were killed but the other person has not yet been identified.

SOURCE: 14 April 2019, [VOA News](#)

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